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Meteorological observations—Averages.

Months.	Prevailing winds.	Atmospheric pressure.	Temperature.	Pressure of dampness.	Comparative dampness.	Fogginess.	Evaporation.	Ozone.	Rainfall.
January.....	SW.	752.7	24.80	18.4	78.5	.7	76.0	101	65.38
February.....	SW.	754.6	24.86	17.9	76.8	.5	80.2	112	62.85
March.....	SW.	754.6	24.62	18.8	81.7	.6	63.9	112	154.02
April.....	SW.	757.37	22.06	16.4	81.6	.6	57.1	83	99.28
May.....	N.	759.35	21.14	15.8	82.4	.6	46.7	189	56.45
June.....	N.	761.53	19.99	14.4	82.7	.6	43.5	110	42.78
July.....	N.	760.37	20.62	14.1	78.6	.3	52.9	102	30.26
August.....	SW.	760.61	20.23	13.8	75.9	.5	70.0	135	27.19
September.....	SW.	760.54	20.17	18.4	76.3	.6	71.8	147	24.20
October.....	SW.	757.27	21.47	14.8	78.6	.7	78.5	165	103.52
November.....	SW.	755.18	22.74	16.9	82.7	.8	58.3	149	96.52
December.....	{ N. SW. } 754.23	25.06	18.2	78.0	.7	78.7	103	127.61	

Ships inspected in the harbor of Rio de Janeiro by the medical authorities during the year 1900: 1,196 steamers and 207 sailing vessels, total, 1,403 ships. Movements at the quarantine station of Ilha Grande: Semester I: 168 steamers and 46 sailing vessels—total, 214 ships; Semester II: 378 steamers and 106 sailing vessels—total, 484 ships; 546 steamers and 152 sailing vessels—total, 698 ships.

CANARY ISLANDS, TENERIFFE.

Quarantine against Cardiff, Wales, on account of plague.

TENERIFFE, February 21, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to report that quarantine has been declared against vessels arriving from Cardiff, Wales. They have to undergo a quarantine of twelve days; this includes from the time of leaving the port above stated. From information it appears that a case of plague died there, and it is indorsed on all bills of health issued by the Spanish consul at Cardiff.

Respectfully,

SOLOMON BERLINER,
United States Consul.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

CHINA.

Report from Hongkong—Two deaths from plague.

HONGKONG, CHINA, February 12, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the report of inspection work at this station for the week ended February 9, 1901. The usual disinfection work was done, 586 baths being given and 882 pieces of baggage being disinfected during the week. Two cases of plague occurred during the week among the Chinese population, both resulting in death. No other case of communicable disease was reported during the week.

Respectfully,

JOHN W. KERE,

Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.